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From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 4:46 PM
To: H
Subject: FW: Libya - Medical Assistance

Worth skimming the below, which basically amounts to Panetta saying he (somewhat desperately) wants to announce any Libya wounded warrior initiative.

From: Caplan, Jared S
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 12:11 PM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Kirby, John F CAPT OSD PA
Cc: Cretz, Gene A; Smith, Dana S (PA)
Subject: RE: Libya - Medical Assistance

CAPT Kirby, a pleasure to e-meet you.

We're appreciative of Pentagon's great progress on this issue. It obviously remains the highest priority for the new Libyan government and a great opportunity for the U.S. to demonstrate post-conflict commitment.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance. In Washington until Friday: jaredcaplan [redacted]

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CC'ing Ambassador Cretz, Tripoli.

Best,
Jared Caplan
PAO Tripoli

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA [redacted]
Sent: Tue 10/25/2011 4:10 PM
To: Kirby, John F CAPT OSD PA; Caplan, Jared S
Subject: RE: Libya - Medical Assistance

Jared, this is to introduce you to CAPT John Kirby of my team -- he is Pentagon spokesman and point of contact on ongoing developments on likely US medical assistance initiative for Libya. We're aware this likely won't be finalized until Thursday -- but Secretary Panetta will want to be the one to announce it, since the idea originated with him. John, Jared is PAO Tripoli for the Embassy and a longtime friend.

Jared, I bcc'd you on the email below.

Best,

Doug

-----Original Message-----

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 10:06 AM
To: 'Rhodes, Benjamin J.'

Cc: [redacted] Kirby, John F CAPT OSD PA; Little, George CIV OSD PA; [redacted]
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Subject: Libya - Medical Assistance

We believe Secretary Panetta remains interested in announcing any medical assistance initiative we will be taking re Libya. He would be able to do so with the press now travelling with him on the Asia trip. We are following developments on this through AFRICOM and USD/P. Tom Davis at AFRICOM will handle any press issues in theatre. John Kirby is OSD/PA's point of contact on this, and will need to know if/when we are ready to make any announcement; he will work through George Little, travelling with SecDef, to get appropriate TPs and context to the Secretary. We are, of course, holding for green lights from appropriate entities -- but just wanted to remind you all of this so SecDef is the one announcing rather than reading about it.

Many thanks,

Doug